

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 99-749

November 10, 1999

CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY
Re: Petition for Approval of Affiliated
Interest Transaction with Union Water
Power Company for Phase Raiser Project

ORDER
(CORRECTED)

WELCH, Chairman: NUGENT, and DIAMOND Commissioners

I. SUMMARY

In this Order we approve an affiliated interest transaction between Central Maine Power Company (CMP) and its affiliate Union Water Power Company (Union) for a phase raiser project to raise the height of between 100-160 structures along CMP's 345 kV transmission system to support the merchant plant project in Veazie.

II. BACKGROUND

On October 22, 1999, CMP filed a request for approval of an affiliated interest transaction with Union. CMP sought a protective order to cover bidding documents in support of its petition. The Hearing Examiner issued a Temporary Protective Order on October 25, 1999. CMP filed the information subject to the protective order on October 26, 1999.

CMP's petition reveals that CMP sought bids from six contractors: Cianbro Construction, Coult Brothers, L.E. Meyers, S/L Construction, H.E. Sargent and Services Construction Division of Union. Only Coult Brothers, L.E. Meyers, S/L Construction and Union responded to the request for quotation. We approve the affiliated interest transaction based on the materials submitted by CMP indicating that Union submitted the lowest bid.

Accordingly, we

O R D E R

That the arrangement between Central Maine Power Company and Union Water Power Company described in CMP's petition filed October 26, 1999 is approved.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 10th day of November, 1999.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Dennis L. Keschl
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Welch
Nugent
Diamond

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